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In re Application of	:	
STEGER, PAUL	:	DECISION GRANTING STATUS
Application No. 09/909,035	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)
Filed: 07/19/2001	:	
Title: AUTOMATED CHECK	:	
VERIFICATION AND TRACKING SYSTEM	:	

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b), filed Monday, July 23, 2007. Petitioner obtained an extension of time for response within the fifth month.

The petition is GRANTED.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor cannot be located after diligent effort to join in the filing of the above-identified application.

The application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being referred to Technology Center Art Unit 2876.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3211.

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**LETTER**

Dear Mr. Steger:

You are named as the sole inventor in the above-identified United States reissue patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(b), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the reissue application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As a named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at (703) 308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to the Certification Division at (571) 272-3150 or (800) 972-6382 (outside the Washington, DC area).

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